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Title: Mechanical Anastomosis System)	
For Hollow Structures)	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ASSERTION OF SMALL
ENTITY STATUS**

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Sir:

This is a response to the restriction requirement dated August 23, 2006, and an assertion of small entity status in relation to the above-identified application. This response is timely by virtue of the concurrent filing of a petition for a two-month extension of time and payment of the required extension fee.

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